NOTICE OF A MEETING

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
111 Liberty Street, Suite 100
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Scioto Conference Room

**Wednesday, September 4, 2019**
**5:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

I.  **5:30 p.m. Welcome & Introductions** – Catherine Girves, Chair

II.  **5:32 p.m.** Approval of July 29, 2019 Minutes (enclosed)

III.  **5:35 p.m.** Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report (enclosed) - Thea Walsh, MORPC

- Transit Agency Reports
  - DCTB Update
  - COTA Update – Doug Arseneault, COTA
- Monthly Report: Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, MORPC

IV.  **6:00 p.m. Proposed Resolutions**

- **Proposed Resolution T-13-19:** “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program” (enclosed) – Ronni Nimps, MORPC
- **Proposed Resolution T-14-19:** “Accepting the PWP Completion Report for State Fiscal Year 2019” (enclosed) – Thea Walsh, MORPC
- **Proposed Resolution T-15-19:** “Establishing Priorities for Central Ohio Candidate Projects Submitted in 2019 for TRAC Funding” – Dina Lopez, MORPC

V.  **6:15 p.m. 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)** – Maria Schaper, MORPC

VI.  **6:20 p.m. Informational Items**

- I-70/I-71 Columbus Crossroads Project Update – Breanna Badanes, ODOT
- Downtown C- pass Update – Cleve Ricksecker, Capital Crossroads & Discovery SID
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- Safety Plan Update – Stephen Patchan, MORPC

VII. 6:50 p.m. Other Business

VIII. 7:00 p.m. Adjourn

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Wednesday, October 2, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.
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I. Welcome & Introductions
   Chair Girves called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Approval of June 3, 2019 Minutes
   Chair Girves presented a motion to approve the minutes; Len Fisher moved; Bill Curlis
   seconded; and the motion carried.

III. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Report
   - Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)
     - The study will be wrapping up at the end of this summer.
     - Virgin Hyperloop One CEO Jay Walder is visiting Columbus the week of August
       5, 2019. He will be speaking at the Columbus Metropolitan Club on August 7,
       2019 and will be interviewed by Frederic Bertley, COSI’s CEO.
     - Virgin Hyperloop One is bringing the XP1 pod to Columbus, which will be on
       display at COSI on August 4, 2019.
     - Mr. Walder will meet with legislative officials and business leaders at the Ohio
       Statehouse on Monday, August 5, 2019.
   - Transit Report, Thea Walsh
     - COTA
       - COTA announced the Strategic Plan for 2019-2024. The plan focuses on four
         pillars: Improve the Customer Experience, Provide Access to Mobility
         Options, Achieve Organizational Excellence, and Prioritize the Use of Data
         and Analytics, establishing their commitment to equity, diversity and
         inclusion.
• COTA Plus launched on July 15 in Grove City. The first-of-its-kind micro-transit service uses smaller vehicles to connect to areas around major bus stops. Looking forward to launching additional services to solve for the first/last mile challenges that prevent residents from accessing COTA service.
• The Mobility Innovation Test on 3rd Street is going on through the end of this week. Early feedback has been predominately positive across roadway users. Formal surveys are ongoing.
• Renovation of the COTA headquarters at 33 North High Street is underway through late September.
• COTA is building a new Customer Experience Center in the lobby featuring interactive kiosks for information and purchasing passes.
• Public information meetings for the September service change will take place August 8, 2019 at 12 noon and August 13, 2019 at 6 p.m. The meetings will be held at the Columbus Metropolitan Library Northside Branch at High Street and 8th Avenue.
• The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced a 2.4 million grant for electric COTA buses as part of the grant agreement, New Albany will receive an electric bus for their Smart Ride service.

• Delaware County Transit Board (DCTB)
• Due to community perception that they are not public transit but rather had something to do with information, the DCTB will no longer be known as DataBus.
• The DCTB is very near to a final selection of scheduling and dispatching software. The purpose of this new software is not only to enhance internal performance, but to also enhance the customer experience through on-demand scheduling and various pay options including mobile pay.
• The DCTB held an abbreviated planning session where several service options were presented to them for implementation after additional information is provided. The first is to replace the current fixed routes within Delaware City with Flex Routes that will have a starting and end only. These routes will operate North/South and East/West. Using the new software, passengers will be able to schedule their trip through a phone call, or web or mobile app up to 15 minutes before the route starts. The route will not have a fixed path or fixed stops. The service will simply deviate to the passenger’s location for pickup and drop-off. DCTB anticipates these routes will operate every 30 minutes.
• The next service option change is to provide demand response "ZONE" transportation. The current demand response service is very expensive to the end user due to lack of funds to subsidize. This Zone transportation will provide an opportunity for customers to access demand response service in the outlying areas for a low fixed fare to access other fixed routes and places of interest such as Polaris, Tanger Mall and the Columbus Zoo.

• Monthly Report – Data & Mapping – Aaron Schill, MORPC
• Census 2020
• There are 20+ local Complete Count Committee’s (CCC) in Central, OH for Census 2020
• The citizenship question will not be on the 2020 Census
• Ohio’s 2020-2021 biennial budget did not include dedicated funding for Census 2020
• Hiring is currently underway. More information can be found at - https://2020census.gov/en/jobs

• Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)
  • During the June 19 meeting, the committee formed working groups to focus on 4 key projects:
    • Regional Data Users Group
    • CURA Sustainability Dashboard (joint with Sustainability Advisory Committee)
    • Local Government Data Policy Needs Survey and Toolkit
    • Regional Municipal Fiber Strategy
  • The initial working group meetings will be held in early August
  • We are still finalizing membership
  • The next committee meeting scheduled for September 24, 2019

The presentation can be found by clicking here

• Monthly Report: Planning & Sustainability – Thea Walsh, MORPC. The corridor concepts study brought up the issues that when improvements are made to a corridor, housing prices tend to rise. The Planning & Sustainability team is currently working on a housing affordability strategy. There are multiple cities, counties, and other partners, including the Columbus Foundation that agree affordable housing for workers should be a focal point. If you would like more information, please contact Kerstin Carr.

IV. Proposed Resolutions

• Proposed Resolution T-11-19: “Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program” (enclosed) – Nick Gill, MORPC
  Proposed Resolution T-11-19 will modify one project on the SFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over $6 million. These changes are necessary to enable the project to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint.

  Chairman GirVES presented a motion to approve the resolution; David Paul moved; Bill Allman seconded; and the motion carried.

V. 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

• Proposed Resolution T-12 -19: “Determination of Air Quality Conformity of MORPC’s 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and SFY 2018-2021 Transportation and Improvement Program” (enclosed) - Nick Gill, MORPC
  Proposed Resolution T-12-19 affirms the conformity of the 2016-2040 MTP and the SFY 2018-2021 TIP with the state implementation plan as documented in the June 2019 update to Appendix C of the MTP and appendix 1 of the TIP. The documentation is available at http://www.morpc.org/mtp2040/.

  Chairman GirVES presented a motion to approve the resolution; Len Fisher moved; Ira Weiss seconded; and the motion carried.
• MTP Candidate Projects – Maria Schaper, MORPC
  • Maria presented an update on the interactive map found at www.morpc.org/mtp2050.
  • There have been 246 comments on projects to-date.
  • This is significantly lower than last year, with only one month to go.
  • There have been 112 project suggestions.
  • The web map is open through August 30, 2019.
  • A draft list of strategies and projects will be presented in the Fall of 2019.

  The presentation can be found by clicking here

• 2016-2040 MTP Report Card (handout) – Maria Schaper, MORPC
  • In 2016, the 2016-2040 MTP was adopted. This summarizes performance measures as a region meeting those established targets.
  • $19.6 billion was used as investment priorities:
    • $6.8B Preserve and Maintain
    • $0.5B Stand-alone Bike/Pedestrian
    • $6.1B Transit
    • $2.8B Non-Freeway Roads
    • $3.3B Freeway-Related

  The presentation can be found by clicking here

  The MTP report card can be found by clicking here

VI. Informational Items
• TRAC Project Introduction – Dina Lopez, MORPC
  • Commits ODOT funding for Major New Capacity Program projects
  • Eligible projects have an overall cost over $12 million, increase capacity and/or reduce congestion
  • MPOs provide ODOT a local project prioritization recommendation
  • There were 27 applications across the state submitted to TRAC
  • 8 applications submitted within the MORPC MPO area
  • 1 application submitted in LCATS MPO area
  • $812 million total TRAC request from applications across the state
  • $171.48 million request total from MORPC area applications
  • 8 projects in MORPC MPO area are:
    • Delaware County Engineer: Big Walnut Interchange
    • City of Delaware: Delaware Point Project U.S.36/SR 37
    • ODOT District 6: Far East Freeway Phase 1
    • ODOT District 6: Far East Freeway: Phases 2 and 3
    • ODOT District 6: I-71 NB - Stringtown Road to I-270
    • ODOT District 6: I-270 & U.S. 23 Interchange (south outerbelt)
    • ODOT District 5: U.S. 33 at Pickerington/Allen
    • Union County: U.S. 33/SR 161 at Post Road Interchange

  The presentation can be found by clicking here
• **MORPC Focused Effort for the Mobility Innovation Test on 3rd St. – Lexi Petrella, MORPC**
  - Mobility Innovation Tests (MITs) are based on tactical urbanism principles or short-term, low-cost, and scalable interventions to catalyze long-term change.
  - Tests to determine how to improve the transportation system and meet future needs.
  - Propelled by the results of the insight2050 Corridor Concepts study and the Purple Aisle.
  - Championed by the City of Columbus and COTA.
  [The presentation can be found by clicking here](#)

• **Commuter Challenge – Lexi Petrella, MORPC**
  - The Commuter Challenge was held June 3 - June 9, 2019 to encourage commuters to consider sustainable modes of transportation through gamification.
  - The purpose is to improve Air Quality, decrease road congestion, and support public health in Central Ohio.
  - The targeted audience is within 15 county regions of MORPC focusing on those that travel to Downtown Columbus.
  [The presentation can be found by clicking here](#)

VII. **Other Business**
- **Committee Business – Bernice Cage, Communications & Engagement**
  - Bernice reminded everyone that the MTP interactive map is available until August 30th.
  - Bernice reported that Warren King has been in and out of the hospital. She plans to be in contact with his wife to see how he is doing.

VIII. **Adjourn**
- Chair Girves reminded the group that the next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019 due to the holiday.
- Chair Girves presented a motion to adjourn; Len Fisher moved; Bill Curlis seconded; all approved.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Bernice Cage, Secretary
Community Advisory Committee
Transportation & Infrastructure Development
Thea Walsh, Director - twalsh@morpc.org

**Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

**2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

- MORPC continued to collect candidate projects from the public via the interactive web map, email, phone calls, and mail. The candidate project collection period ends on August 30, 2019.

- Organization and preparation of evaluation data and database began along with reviewing local financial information for use in the development of the financial forecast.

**Transit, Mobility & Human Services**

**5310 Designated Recipient**

- All 5310 reimbursement contracts have been executed between MORPC and area subrecipients for purchasing transportation and other capital. MORPC Finance is processing reimbursements with vendors FTA.

- Staff attended the Age Friendly Mobility Project Launch with Age-Friendly Columbus, Franklin County, The Ohio State University, Greater Columbus Network of Villages, and COTA. The Mobility Project includes research, transportation service, pilots, and evaluations of providing transportation to older adults and people with disabilities. MORPC has participated in planning and funding subrecipients to purchase transportation and other capital items to provide transportation.

**Transit**

- A meeting between MORPC and COTA was held for the purposes of coordination on MORPC’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program and COTA’s Short and Long Range Transit Plans.

- MORPC staff attended the Union County Transportation Coalition meeting, hosted by the Union County Health Department, where SHARE presented on their services and the group explored transportation options for all users, specifically related to workforce access and modal options for disadvantaged populations. MORPC will be jointly presenting with Enterprise at the next meeting in September. MORPC also provided ODOT Office of Transit contacts for future meeting invitations, planning assistance and funding information.
**Gohio**

- Gohio staff have partnered with the MORPC Planning and Sustainability Department to conduct a Focused Effort for the 3rd Street project. The effort began with online surveys that focused on level of comfort for the existing bike lane and the Mobility Innovation Test that was championed by COTA and the City of Columbus for two weeks in July. The process continued with two focus groups conducted by the MORPC team during the week of August 19, 2019. A final report is being developed to serve as a reference document for future multimodal facility and tactical urbanism planning in Central Ohio.

**Transportation Planning Studies**

**Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI)**

- Environmental Impact Study (EIS Study): The consultant has provided draft documents for review, which have been circulated to the study funders for input. MORPC is working with the consultant on scheduling public information meetings in Lima, Marysville, Dublin and Columbus, which are slated for mid to late October.

- Hyperloop Feasibility Study: MORPC and the consultant continue to work on the economic demand analysis, which is made up of passenger ridership and freight forecasts. MORPC is currently reviewing a draft of the route alternatives section, along with a draft on the regulatory framework strategy and next steps. The consultant is working with MORPC October RSTI public meetings, as the feasibility study will be part of the public involvement component.

**Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO)**

- CORPO staff is currently writing a proposal to ODOT that would request funds to conduct additional planning activities in the CORPO planning area. These activities include studying access from Knox and Morrow counties to freeways, a rural technical assistance program and a broadband speed study.

- CORPO staff and members participated in a MORPC rural members workshop in Knox county and received feedback regarding transportation needs from rural counties in that area and took advantage of the networking opportunity.

- All seven of CORPO’s rural member counties have scheduled subcommittee meetings, which will incorporate ODOT’s rural consultation meeting. CORPO is currently working with ODOT on meeting materials, maps and agendas.

- CORPO staff continues to participate as members of the Technical Advisory Committee for the US-33 Corridor Plan that ODOT is developing with a consultant. CORPO has provided and will continue to provide data for the study and act as a liaison between Union Co. and the plan developers when needed.

**Infrastructure Funding**

**Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)**

- Applications for funding from OPWC programs for local infrastructure projects in District 3 (Franklin County) are due to MORPC on September 9, 2019, at 5 p.m. Approximately $27
million in grants and loans are available for projects starting construction in the SFY beginning July 1, 2020. Team members are available to answer prospective applicants’ questions by phone, email, and in-person by appointment.

- Applications for District 17 (includes Delaware, Licking and Fairfield counties) are due on October 4, 2019.

- Final applications for District 11 (includes Union County) are due on October 25, 2019.

**Natural Resources Assistance Council (NRAC)**

- Application materials for the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund will be available on MORPC’s website in September. Information will be sent to communities in OPWC.

- District 3 (Franklin County) announcing the availability of $3.8 million for green space acquisition and stream corridor restoration. Preliminary screening applications are due on December 13, 2019, and final applications are due on March 20, 2020. Awards will be announced on April 23, 2020.

- The NRAC Vice-Chair and a team member attended a meeting on August 29 with OPWC and leaders of all 19 OPWC districts across the state to discuss common issues and share best practices.

**INFRA**

- Award announcements have been issued for the FY2019 cycle and no local projects received funding. Three regional applications had been submitted in March. Within MORPC’s MPO territory, ODOT submitted an application for Phase 4 of the Columbus Crossroads/Innerbelt project and the Village of Sunbury submitted an application for the I-71 and US 36/SR 37/Sunbury Parkway interchange. Within the Central Ohio Rural Planning Organization (CORPO) territory, CORPO and the Village of West Jefferson submitted an application for the I-70 and SR 29 interchange in Madison County.

- ODOT, the City of Columbus, and MORPC held a debrief with the U.S. DOT and learned that the Columbus Crossroads application fared well in the technical review but was ultimately not funded due to strong demand. These partners will be meeting to discuss next steps. Another INFRA cycle is expected to open this winter.

**Competitive Advantage Projects (CAP)**

- In order to advance identified CAP priorities, plans are being finalized for an Innovative Funding Strategies Development Activity to be completed this calendar year. After a competitive selection process, MORPC has selected Ice Miller to lead the activity and partner with sponsors to development funding strategies. A particular focus will be directed at new, innovative, and/or private funding solutions, including revenue generation potential.
Data & Mapping Team Updates

- The Data & Mapping Team are happy to welcome Jared Schenkel, the newly hired GIS Specialist. Jared is a graduate of OSU and is very excited to be here at MORPC.

Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC)

- During the month of August, all four new RDAC working groups met for the first time. In addition to kicking off each group, they were asked to define a scope of work, meeting schedule, and timeframe for the project on which they are working.

Smart Region Task Force

- On August 22, Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill presented an overview of the Smart Region Task Force and the Smart Streets Policy at the DriveOhio Alliance meeting.

- The Smart Region Task Force will meet on September 13 to discuss the status of the remaining two deliverables, the Smart Region Playbook and the Smart Region Resource Guide. The Task Force will also hear a presentation from Murphy Epson on the subject of the Ohio Framework for CV/AV Infrastructure.

Transportation

- The Data & Mapping Team continues data and webmap assistance with the regional travel demand model used for the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

- MORPC provided data & mapping and proposal development support to COTA in pursuit of an FTA Integrated Mobility Innovation grant.

- MORPC continues to provide data input and support for the COTA C-pass program. Updated survey results from program participants and employers were shared with the project partners at the end of July. MORPC participated in review and development of the public messaging of the results.

Data and Mapping Outreach and Collaboration

- MORPC continues to serve numerous roles on the Columbus/Franklin County Complete Count Committee. The kickoff meeting of the Local Government Subcommittee of the Complete Count Committee was on July 30 at MORPC. After an overview of the Complete Count Committee goals and resources, members discussed outreach methods to educate the public about the Census and strategies to help local officials share consistent Census messages. The goal of the Subcommittee is to devise a list of helpful resources to create a single set of talking points or FAQs. The Subcommittee will meet every four to six weeks through the end of 2019, and then more frequently from January 2020 through April 2020.

- MORPC joined as a member of the Ohio Census Advocacy Coalition (OCAC). The OCAC is a nonpartisan network of statewide nonprofit organizations, advocacy organizations, and trusted faith, business, education, and community leaders working to prepare for and conduct outreach to encourage full participation in the 2020 Census, with a focus on historically undercounted or “hard-to-count” populations. Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill continues to serve on the SmartColumbus Operating System Charter Team, developing a sustainability plan for the operating system following completion of the Smart Columbus grants.
Along with other MORPC departments, Data & Mapping staff attended the Rural Member Workshops in Marysville and Mt. Vernon in July and August, respectively.

Following the kickoff of the Regional Housing Strategy in early August, the Data & Mapping Team has taken a lead role in refining the project research questions, performing a landscape scan of existing plans and studies, beginning data collection. The Regional Housing Study will assess the state of the housing market in the region and the data gaps that currently exist based on previous research; review and analyze the availability of public and private dollars to support housing development; identify structural impediments to housing developments; and conduct a national scan around investment policies and strategies to address housing affordability.

Data Manager Liz Whelan and Data Analyst Natalie Hurst attended an R Workshop, presented by BlackTechColumbus & Women in Analytics on August 24. R is a programming language and software environment for statistical computing and graphics supported by the R Foundation for Statistical Computing. The R language is widely used among statisticians.

GIS Manager Cheri Mansperger continues work on the ODOT LBRS (Location Based Response System) Steering Committee.

The Central Ohio GIS User Group met on 8/21, and heard a presentation from Ryan Sellman of ESRI titled, “ArcGIS Apps for the Field: What’s New”.

COGUG members also enjoyed a Lean Coffee exercise to discuss GIS issues.

Data & Mapping Director Aaron Schill presented at the Columbus Chamber of Commerce Retail Summit on August 8 on development and growth trends in Central Ohio impacting the retail sector.

On August 16 the Data & Mapping Team held a departmental retreat. The day began with a volunteer project constructing planting beds at the Capital Park Community Garden in North Linden, followed by training on Microsoft Teams software over lunch, and then a team hike at Blendon Woods Metropark. Liz Whelan also took the prize of best jelly bean flavor guesser on the team.
Active Transportation Planning

- Active Transportation Working Group (ATWG): A working group meeting was held on August 20, which focused primarily on sharing information about ODOT’s Walk.Bike.Ohio Bicycle and Pedestrian Policy Plan and collecting stakeholder input for that planning process.

- Bicycle & Pedestrian Counts: Short-duration trail counts for 2019 were collected throughout August and will continue through September. Team members coordinated with partners to set up temporary count equipment at key locations throughout the region as part of MORPC’s trail monitoring program.

- Fall 2019 Volunteer Bicyclist and Pedestrian Counts have been scheduled for Wednesday, September 11 from 7-9am and 11am-1pm. Locations and information about how to sign up for those counts has been shared with the Active Transportation Working Group and others to get volunteers.

- Team members worked with City of Columbus and StreetLight Insight technical staff to analyze pedestrian data for a curb ramp prioritization project.

- Complete Streets: Team members completed a redesigned Complete Streets to be reviewed internally with updated instructions and materials. The finished product will be available for outreach and engagement in 2020.

- Outreach: Team continues coordination with America Walks staff and the Local Host Committee to plan breakout session content for the America Walks Conference taking place in Columbus on September 24.

- Team members assisted Transportation and Infrastructure Development with outreach and Focus Group efforts related to the 3rd Street Shared Mobility Lane Pop-Up project.

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- Corridor Concepts: The Corridor Concepts communications committee met this month to provide input on a final draft of outreach & presentation materials. Their feedback will be incorporated into a final product to be distributed to MORPC members and project partners.

- Academy: The registration window for the fall 2019 academy opens on August 26. Applications will be accepted through September 23 and the first class will meet on Friday, September 27. Registration for the academy includes the October 11 Summit on Sustainability. This semester will again be held in partnership with the Ohio State University Knowlton School Alumni Society and classes will focus on housing. To register, please visit getinsight2050.org.

- Technical Assistance Program (TAP): The TAP application is now open for eligible MORPC members to apply. Team has finished in-person marketing efforts at external events and MORPC committee meetings; these efforts included a webinar to share information about the pre-determined project types, anticipated services and deliverables, and the application process.
• An evaluation committee comprised of representatives from COTA, ODOT, ODOT 5, ODOT 6, OSU, and ODH will assist with proposal review once the application window closes in late September.

• Outreach: Team presented insight2050 to Columbus Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriters Society (approx. audience of 20) and the GROW Licking County ED101 event (approx. audience of 75). Team is participating as a reviewer of ODH's Creating Health Community grant applications.

**Transportation Safety**

• Meeting Coordination: Team members attended the 3rd quarter meeting of the Ohio Strategic Highway Safety Plan steering committee at ODOT. There have been 634 fatalities on Ohio roadways as of 8/13. The state is observing trends in drivers’ licensure. The biggest change: older adults 65+ are holding onto their license longer. This is in line with demographic trends, as the statewide population of older adults is on the rise. The rates of young people obtaining their licenses are declining.

• Data Analysis/Reporting: Safety analyses were completed for the 2019 TRAC projects.

• Team members worked with the consultant team and City of Columbus to wrap up the Georgesville Rd. and Clime Rd. Road Safety Audit.

**Regional Housing Strategy**

• The Regional Housing Strategy (RHS) kicked off with meetings of the funders and advisory board on August 8. Participants were introduced to the project scope and timeline as well as the consultant team. Workshop activities provided input to guide the direction of the study regarding data/information, perspectives to consider throughout the project, and potential end-users of the information.

**Greenways & Water Resources Program**

• Central Ohio Water Resources Plan: Staff submitted the draft plan for Region 2, comprised of Madison and Pickaway counties, to Ohio EPA in early August. Regions 3 and 4, comprising Fairfield, Licking, and Franklin Counties, will be completed by the end of September.

**Sustainable2050**

• Member Engagement: Congratulations to Franklin County, which became the latest Sustainable2050 member to certify its Tier Status. The County, inclusive of the Board of Commissioners, Engineer’s Office, and Soil & Water Conservation District, earned the Platinum designation.

• MORPC team members continue to meet with Sustainable2050 members to help them prepare to complete the Tier Status certification process. The next member meeting will take place in September, with guest speakers and a roundtable discussion focused on the topic of Energy.

**Energy & Air Quality**

• Ozone attainment: On August 21, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Ohio EPA announced that the Columbus area is the first non-attainment area in the nation to meet the most recent federal air quality standard for ozone. Recent air monitoring data show the Columbus area now meets the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone in addition to all other federal air quality standards set to protect public health. MORPC’s Director of Planning & Sustainability Kerstin Carr participated in a media
event with EPA Regional Administrator Cathy Stepp, Ohio EPA Director Laurie Stevenson, and Columbus Sustainability Assistant Director Alana Shockey. This announcement is a testament to all of the great work by MORPC and our regional partners to improve air quality.

- **Air Quality Marketing and Outreach:** Air quality staff implemented a new email system using MailChimp for Air Quality Alerts that makes the sign up process much more convenient. There are currently 468 confirmed signups for Air Quality Alerts for 2019, passing the 2018 total of 464. Air Quality staff created video assets with the Environmental Professional Network and participated in a panel event on air quality and creating educational sustainability assets. Air Quality staff worked with Franklin County Emergency Management to develop a partnership with MORPC to issue Air Quality Alerts through their Everbridge system to increase the reach of AQA’s.

- **Idle Free Schools:** Air Quality staff is connecting Dempsey Middle School with Gohio Commute staff to provide Gohio SchoolPool as a follow up to the Idle Free curriculum.

- **Energy & Air Quality Working Group:** The Energy and Air Quality Working Group will meet on September 23rd. Before the meeting, energy and air quality staff are asking members to provide input on concepts for ad-hoc subcommittees to achieve the goals of the 2019 E&AQ Working Group action plan. Subcommittees will be finalized in September and implemented in 2020.

- **Local Government Energy Partnership:** A total of 19 communities are enrolled or interested in enrolling in the Benchmarking Program (32% of allowed participants). Madison Township is the newest member to get on board. Staff is conducting bi-monthly energy reviews with members and have scheduled quarterly workshops for participants in the Benchmarking Program. Coordination with AEP Ohio and Columbia Gas of Ohio’s Benchmarking programs continues in an effort to increase the impact of all programs. Staff proposed a new efficiency program for Columbia Gas of Ohio that would link local government leaders with efficiency opportunities in their communities. The proposal is pending approval with another round of changes and we hope to receive approval by the end of September.

- **Staff is also working with Smart Columbus to coordinate activities of their Acceleration Program with LGEP. As a part of this, MORPC staff developed a Clean Energy Acceleration Program, which provides a framework approach to achieve 100% renewable electricity by 2025 and 40% energy reductions by 2050. Through this approach we can better align our existing programs and services for local governments and increase the overall impact of the programs.**

- **Special Projects:** Staff has been involved with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Power Forward Data and Modern Grid working group to discuss data that are used in analyses performed for local governments. Staff has also been involved with the Distribution Planning Working Groups efforts to define Non-Wire Alternatives, which have a significant impact on the opportunities for distributed generation within the Region.

- **Staff are currently participating in the Ohio Gas Access Partnership, looking to increase natural gas capacity in Union County. Staff advises as necessary in both environmental and economic development capacities.**

- **Staff is also preparing a new scope of work for HNTB to update greenhouse gas data for Smart Columbus, also to be delivered in September. Staff continues to develop the City of Columbus Greenhouse Gas Inventory to support the City’s obligation through the Global Covenant of Mayors and is nearing completion.**
**Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC)**

- The SAC will meet on September 18, at 2:30 pm at MORPC. The next meeting will include updates on the Summit on Sustainability, Sustainable2050, and relevant policy items.

- Regional Sustainability Dashboard:
The Sustainability Dashboard Working Group, a joint effort between the SAC and RDAC, held their first meeting on August 1. The meeting was important for level setting, and included background information on the Regional Sustainability Agenda, the 2018 report card, and the direction we are moving in with the development of a dynamically-fed online dashboard. MORPC staff presented on areas where we will be seeking their input, which include the use cases and the objectives that are more difficult to measure. Staff also presented the high-level process and milestones for the development of the dashboard. The group was sent a survey to provide input on how they envision using this tool and how they would like to prioritize use cases. The MORPC team is working to inventory the metrics and document data sources and is coordinating the team at CURA on next steps for collecting and sharing data. The next working group meeting will take place on September 12.
Communications & Engagement
Niel Jurist, Director – njurist@morpc1.onmicrosoft.com

Presentations & Outreach
• Updates on Air Quality Alerts, Gohio Commute, and the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) interactive map were provided to approximately 60 agencies at the Latino/Hispanic Collaborative.

• Staff is seeking public involvement locations to present the RSTI results which will be released in October. Presentations are being scheduled for November thru January on the 2020-2050 MTP with Columbus Area Commissions, local governments and neighborhood associations.

• Staff participated in the following Hyperloop events which featured the Hyperloop XP-1 pod: COSI, Ohio Statehouse, Gravity and City of Dublin.

News Releases and Social Media
• The following press releases were distributed to the media:
  - The City of Bellefontaine joins the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
  - Fairfield County joins the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
  - MORPC Elevates Local Government Membership Services with Promotion of Eileen Leuby
  - COTA Projects Amend MORPC 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program
  - Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Franklin County, City of Columbus and surrounding communities to kick-off Regional Housing Study
  - Franklin County TID Receives $200,000 Grant from ODOT
  - Cancellation of August meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Franklin County Transportation Improvement District, Franklin County, Ohio
  - Groundbreaking Hyperloop POD hits the Road Across America
  - CEO of Virgin Hyperloop One makes Columbus First Stop on its National Roadshow
  - Hyperloop XP-1 Pod to Make a Stop at The Ohio Statehouse
  - Hyperloop Vehicle on tour to Central Ohio Communities - Stop scheduled in Marysville
  - Hyperloop Pod Comes to Lima
  - MORPC Recognizes Franklin County’s Efforts on Sustainability
  - 2020-2050 MTP Facebook posts and articles in eSource
  - MORPC was mentioned in the news approximately 179. Of those mentions, Virgin Hyperloop One National Roadshow generated 25 percent of the mentions in the media which generated a reach of over 4.9 million. The Regional Housing Strategy was also mentioned which generated a reach of over 868,000. Other notable mentions were the C-pass transit program and the U.S. EPA announcing the Columbus region the first non-attainment area in the nation to meet air quality standards.
  - WOSU, the Columbus Dispatch and Columbus Underground interviewed William Murdock and Thea Walsh on Hyperloop. Television Stations NBC4, WSYX6, WTVN10 and Spectrum News 1 along with Hannah News and Business First interviewed Virgin Hyperloop One CEO Jay Walder.
  - Columbus CEO interviewed William Murdock on Mayor Kim Maggard.
  - Columbus Dispatch interviewed William Murdock on Joanna Pinkerton’s first year.
  - NBC4i interviewed Joe Garrity on Artificial Intelligence.
  - Kerstin Carr participated in a press conference with Ohio EPA announcing, “Columbus First Non-Attainment Area to Meet National Ozone Standard”.

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Memorandum

TO: Transportation Policy Committee

FROM: Nick Gill, Assistant Director
Transportation Infrastructure and Development & Funding

DATE: August 29, 2019


Proposed Resolution T-13-19 will add or modify seven projects on the SFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) with commitments totaling over $80 million. These changes are necessary to enable these projects to advance and to maintain fiscal constraint. In October, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will ask the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the FTA to amend the Statewide TIP to include these changes.

Attachment 1 to the resolution provides a description of the funding and scope of each project, including a description of the bicycle and pedestrian components. Attachment 2 maps those projects with a physical location. Three of the projects have commitments of MORPC-attributable funds.

An explanation of the proposed changes to the TIP follows.

COTA has requested the following changes to the TIP:

- Addition of the 2020 electric bus purchase with funds from the Low or No Emission Vehicle Program (PID 109533).
- Addition of $10 million of 5307 funds and reduction of just under $9.5 million of local transit funds, for the rehabilitation of the Fields Avenue facility (PID 95037).
- Reduction of just under $2 million of 5307 funds for the 2020 CNG bus purchase (PID 99508).

The City of Delaware has requested the addition of the ROW phase of the “Point” project at US-36 and SR-37 from west of Foley Street and east of East Street to SR-521 (PID 103626).

As specified in T-9-19, which modified MORPC-attributable funding commitments, $7 million of MORPC STBG funding is being removed from Dublin’s Tuttle Crossing Boulevard from Wilcox Road to Avery Road (PID 99815), removing the project from the TIP.

ODOT District 5 requested the addition of preliminary engineering for an interchange in the vicinity of Pickerington Road on US-33 (PID 77555).
ODOT District 6 requested the addition of the ROW phase for the I-70/I-71 Innerbelt, Phase 4B project (PID 96053).

NTG:RN

Attachments:
- Proposed Resolution T-13-19
RESOLUTION T-13-19

“Amending the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) adopted the SFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) by Resolution T-5-17; and

WHEREAS, the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) has requested the modification of two projects and the addition of one project to the 2018-2021 TIP as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delaware has requested the modification of one project on the 2018-2021 TIP as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, T-9-19 removed MORPC STBG funding from Dublin’s Tuttle Crossing Boulevard project (PID 99815), it will be removed from the 2018-2021 TIP; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has requested the modification of one project on the 2018-2021 TIP as shown in Attachment 1; and

WHEREAS, the projects are consistent with the transportation policies, plans, and programs, including the most recent Metropolitan Transportation Plan adopted by the Transportation Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee and the Transportation Advisory Committee at their meetings on September 4, 2019 recommended approval of this resolution to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Section 1. That the MORPC SFY 2018-2021 TIP be amended to include the project information as shown in Attachment 1, including the removal MORPC STBG funding from PID 99815.

Section 2. That it affirms that the fiscal balance of the SFY 2018-2021 TIP is maintained.

Section 3. That the determination of conformity between the TIP and the State Implementation Plan (SIP) is hereby reaffirmed, as the projects are exempt from conformity requirements or have been included in the most recent air quality conformity approval.

Section 4. That it affirms that the amendment was developed in compliance with the transportation performance measures as described in Section 6 of the SFY 2018-2021 TIP as modified.

Section 5. That this resolution will be transmitted to ODOT and all sponsoring agencies in Attachment 1 for appropriate action.
Section 6. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

Rory McGuinness, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff

Attachment 1: Amended Project Information for the SFY 2018-2021 TIP
Attachment 2: Map of Amended Projects
## Resolution T-13-19
### Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

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**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-COTA 2020-DERG Buses  
**Project Type(s):** Transit Replacement Capital  
**Air Quality:** Exempt  
**Description:** COTA 2020 DERG Buses, Transit Replacement Capital, replacement of 8 model year 2008 diesel buses with 8 new electric buses. 2019 DERG Program project selection.

**Bike Components:** Bicycle racks.  
**Ped Components:** Not applicable.

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**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-COTA Fields CNG Rehabilitation-  
**Project Type(s):** Transit Activity  
**Air Quality:** Exempt  
**Description:** COTA Fields CNG Rehabilitation, Transit Activity, 1330 Fields - CNG Changeover Requirements, 1333 & 1330 Fields - CNG Filling Stations, 1333 Fields - CNG Changeover Requirements, 1333 Fields - Roof Replacement. ALI 11.43.03 and 11.41.03

**Bike Components:** No change to existing conditions.  
**Ped Components:** No change to existing conditions.

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Resolution T-13-19
Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

**Agency:** COTA  
**PID:** 99508  
**TIP ID:** 2949  
**MTP ID:** 142

**Co-Route-Sec:** FRA-COTA 2020 35-40' Bus Purchase  
**Length (mi.):**  

**Project Type(s):** Transit Replacement Capital  
**Air Quality:** Exempt  

**Description:** COTA 2020 35-40' Bus Purchase, Transit Replacement Capital, 29 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) replacement buses, 8 of which are funded with CMAQ dollars.

**Bike Components:** Bicycle racks.  
**Ped Components:** Not applicable.

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**TIP ID:** 3212  
**MTP ID:** 750/749

**Co-Route-Sec:** DEL-US036-11.030  
**Length (mi.):** 0.72  

**Project Type(s):** Major Widening/Bridge Replacement  
**Air Quality:** System Analyzed  

**Description:** US-36 & SR-37 from W of Foley St & E of East St to SR-521, Major Widening from 2 lanes to 5 lanes & Bridge Replacement, Construct additional lanes on US 36/SR 37 and reconstruct the CSXT Railroad structure on the east side of Delaware. AKA "the Point."

**Bike Components:** Multi-use path on 2 sides. 0.35 mi. added to bike network.  
**Ped Components:** Multi-use path on 2 sides. 0.7 mi. added to ped network.

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**Agency:** ODOT 5  
**PID:** 77555  
**TIP ID:** 556  
**MTP ID:** 144

**Co-Route-Sec:** FAI-US033-03.18  
**Length (mi.):** 0.3  

**Project Type(s):** New Interchange/Preliminary Engineering  
**Air Quality:** System Analyzed  

**Description:** US-33 from Allen Rd to Pickerington Rd, New Interchange & Preliminary Engineering, replacing the existing intersections along US-33 from Allen Rd to Pickerington Road with an interchange.

**Bike Components:** No change to existing conditions.  
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Friday, August 30, 2019
Resolution T-13-19
Attachment 1 - Amended Project Information

Agency: ODOT 6
PID: 96053
TIP ID: 2874
MTP ID: 270

Co-Route-Sec: FRA-IR070-14.00 (Ph 4B)
Length (mi.): 0.73

Project Type(s): Major Widening/Bridge Replacement
Air Quality: System Analyzed

Description: I-70/I-71 Innerbelt (Phase 4B), Major Widening & Bridge Replacement, paving I-70 from Front to Grant; paving 3rd and 4th sts from Livingston to Fulton; and replacement of 3rd and 4th St bridges plus 5 retaining walls. PE DD under PID 77372.

Bike Components: Bicycle lanes. Locations of bike lanes and bike-activated signal loop detectors will be coordinated with Columbus.
Ped Components: Modify existing facilities. Sidewalks on surface streets and bridges. Ped signals and crosswalks at signalized intersections.

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SFY 2018-2021
Transportation Improvement Program
Resolution T-13-19
Amendment to the TIP
Project Location Map

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
111 Liberty Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
614.228.2663
August 2019

Please check www.morpc.org for updates to this map and project listing.

Unmappable Projects

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This map prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, the Ohio Department of Transportation, and local communities.

The information shown on this map is compiled from various sources available to us which we believe to be reliable.

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Memorandum

TO: Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
Officers and Board Members
Transportation Policy Committee
Transportation Advisory Committee
Community Advisory Committee

FROM: Thea J. Walsh, Director of Transportation Systems & Funding

DATE: August 28, 2019

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution T-14-19: "ACCEPTING THE PWP COMPLETION REPORT FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2019"

Annually, MORPC is required to submit a report to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) describing the work completed with federal planning funds provided to continue the metropolitan transportation planning process, as defined by the FAST Act.

For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019, the use of these funds was outlined in the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program (PWP) adopted by Resolution T-7-18 and amended by resolutions T-16-18 and T-1-19. The PWP serves as the scope of work, the schedule, and the budget for the federally funded planning activities.

The PWP included such activities as maintaining the TIP, continued delivery of projects using MORPC-attributable funds, follow up of the 2016-2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), continued development of the 2020-2050 MTP, assistance on freeway and arterial studies, support for safety and operations and management of the transportation system, and support for transit, bike and pedestrian planning. The SFY 2019 PWP also included the continuation of ridesharing/demand reduction and air quality awareness activities, including the commuter challenge to reduce single-occupancy vehicle use. As part of this scope of work, MORPC also maintained the Public Involvement Plan, completed the selection process for FTA Section 5310 funding, continued the Regional Data Advisory Committee, continued outreach and developed resources related to insight2050, including completing the insight2050 Corridor Concepts study, continued the Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative and other projects and activities that have been presented to you over the state fiscal year.

A summary of the PWP activities is included as an attachment to the resolution. A full report is available upon request. Resolution T-14-19 approves the completion report and requires that it is forwarded to ODOT.

Attachment: Resolution T-14-19
RESOLUTION T-14-19

“ACCEPTING THE PWP COMPLETION REPORT FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2019”

WHEREAS, it is the role of the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) to help encourage, facilitate and provide a forum for regional, cooperative transportation planning and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Work Program (PWP) is the document that outlines the work of the MPO, the use of regional transportation planning funds and the regional planning activities that will be done each state fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee adopted the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program (PWP) by Resolution T-7-18 and amended it by resolutions T-16-18 and T-1-19; and

WHEREAS, the activities described in the PWP have been completed or carried over into SFY 2020 and reported in the PWP Completion Report, a summary of which is attached; and

WHEREAS, major products of the PWP have been presented previously; and

WHEREAS, these products include the core work with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the continued delivery of projects using MORPC-attributable funds, as well as the freeway and arterial studies, local traffic forecasting and continuing updates to the travel demand model, maintaining data to support modeling and planning needs, support for transit planning and ODOT planning studies, ITS, ridesharing/demand reduction, bike and pedestrian planning, safety planning and air quality awareness; and

WHEREAS, ODOT requires approval of this PWP Completion Report by the Transportation Policy Committee as the Metropolitan Planning Organization; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee at its September 4, 2019 meeting, and the Transportation Advisory Committee at its September 4, 2019 meeting recommended approval to the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Section 1. That the Transportation Policy Committee approves the PWP Completion Report for SFY 2019.

Section 2. That this resolution and the PWP Completion Report be forwarded to the Ohio Department of Transportation for appropriate action.

Section 3. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of the committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

______________________________________________________________________________

Rory McGuiness, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

___________________________________________

Date

Prepared by: Transportation Staff
Attachment: Summary of Completion Report for the SFY 2019 Planning Work Program
**SUMMARY**

**FISCAL YEAR 2019 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM-COMPLETION**

I. Formula Funded Planning Program Projects

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MORPC continued to assist local governments with Complete Streets projects and Complete Streets policy development and reviewed transportation projects for Complete Streets compliance. MORPC also assisted local governments with their active transportation planning and projects. Team members worked with MetroParks, Columbus, and other partners to conduct its annual trail counts as well as the biannual non-motorized traffic counts along selected street segments. Central Ohio Greenways (COG) Board accomplished many items set out in its 5-year strategic plan, including obtaining funding for the Trails Impact Study and commencing development of the Trails Prioritization project.

MORPC continued to engage in the OARC freight transportation working group over FY 2019. MORPC organized several conference calls/meetings for the OARC Freight Working Group. MORPC attended events organized by the Columbus Region Logistics Council, the Mid-Ohio Development Exchange (MODE), and other Chamber of Commerce and Columbus2020 events related to freight and logistics in Central Ohio.

MORPC continues to be the OARC representative on statewide and regional safety committees, such as the Transportation Records Coordination Committee, the Ohio Strategic Highway Safety Plan Steering Committee, and Safe Communities, including the Franklin County Traffic Fatality Review Board. The team was actively involved in local safety initiatives and assisted other departments and agencies with project evaluation based on crash data. During September Safety Month, MORPC released several regional crash data analysis products, including the Top 100 High Crash Intersections list, the Top 5 High Crash Intersections by Jurisdictions list, and the Top Pedestrian and Bicycle High Crash Clusters lists. Also see 66555-1000.
**Transit and Human Services Planning**

MORPC facilitated COTA/DATABus/MORPC Coordination quarterly meetings. These meetings covered communications, public information, mobility management, service and capital planning with each agency. MORPC updated the Delaware and Franklin counties’ coordinated plans to be combining them into one MPO coordinated plan.

In cooperation with COTA and DATABus worked on the apportionment of FFY 2019 Section 5307, 5340 and 5339 funding within the Columbus UZA including participation by the Licking County Transit Board for the upcoming FFY 2019 apportionment Split Letter.

MORPC participated in discussions with local employers and governments that have limited access to transit. MORPC worked with COTA to implement new First/Last mile service to launch in Grove City in the summer of 2019. MORPC assisted COTA on a Mainstream on Demand pilot.

The Transit Asset Management Plan (TAMP) was completed and incorporated into the TIP. MORPC is working with COTA and Delaware County Transit on their safety management plan and incorporating them into the MPO planning processes.

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**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Implementation**

Three amendments to the FY 2018-2021 TIP requested by ODOT and local agencies were prepared, processed and approved. Federally funded projects were coordinated with local agencies, ODOT and the Ohio Public Works Commission. ODOT District staff scheduled quarterly meetings with local sponsoring agencies, their consultants, and MORPC staff. Monthly reports on the status of the MORPC-attributable projects were provided to the TAC. MORPC, COTA, DATABus and ODOT Transit met quarterly to stay on top of transit-specific TIP issues.

The process to solicit and select projects to use MORPC-attributable federal funding was completed. MORPC received 35 final applications for new funding commitments that totaling over $200 million. MORPC staff and the Attributable Funds Committee (AFC) completed a review and evaluation of the projects from August through November 2018. The AFC approved a draft of funding recommendations for attributable funds available for SFYs 2020-2025. The draft recommendations were available for public review and comment from December 18, 2018, until January 18, 2019. MORPC reaffirmed and updated previous commitments of over $168 million and made $22 million in new commitments. It did not fulfill requests for another $180 million.

In June MORPC approved and “out of cycle” request and committed to $10 million to a project while removed a $7 million commitment to another project and modifying the timing of the funding for two other projects.

For SFY 2019, approximately $50 million of attributable funds were encumbered for use on transportation projects and programs in the region.

ODOT announced in May 2019 that TRAC would be taking applications for funding in 2019. Eight projects were submitted in the MORPC area. Project fact sheets were prepared and a public comment period begin to solicit comments on the MPO prioritization of the projects. Assistance was provided to ODOT and local agencies in preparing and follow up on applications for INFRA and BUILD. MORPC helped form the Franklin County Transportation Improvements District.

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^ Project continues beyond SFY 2019
Manage, Map, Collect, and Share Data

MORPC updates base GIS files and other transportation and planning datasets from state, federal, and local sources on a quarterly, annual, or as needed basis. MORPC maintains an open data site (accessible at www.morpc.org/data) to make GIS and other data files available for download. To make data accessible to nontechnical audiences and those without GIS capabilities, much of MORPC's data is also available for viewing through interactive maps on the open data site.

In FY2019, MORPC continued making improvements to the quality and accessibility of key datasets such as local land use data and building permits from local jurisdictions. This included developing a comprehensive inventory of datasets and sources that are gathered, used, and maintained throughout the agency.

Of primary emphasis in FY2019 was the creation and updating of datasets necessary for the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Building on work in FY2018 to update existing and future land use data, MORPC developed inputs for the regional land use allocation and regional travel demand models. These datasets included existing and projected population and employment forecasts (validated through local jurisdiction review), development attraction/deterrent factors, and forecasts of socio-economic factors that influence commuting patterns.

MORPC’s Regional Data Advisory Committee (RDAC) continues to meet on a quarterly basis, and advises staff and Commission on MORPC’s role as a leader in regional data efforts. In FY2019, the RDAC developed MORPC’s first ever Regional Data Agenda, which was subsequently adopted by Commission. The agenda outlines 5 goals, 21 objectives, and 61 action items for MORPC to work on in order to address the regional and local government data needs that exist in Central Ohio. The RDAC also prioritized four projects that will significantly advance one or more aspects of the agenda. These include:
1. Creation of a Regional Data Users Group
2. Partnership with the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis at Ohio State to develop a sustainability dashboard
3. Survey and toolkit to address local government data policy needs
4. Mapping and development of a strategy for a regional municipal fiber-optic network

MORPC also continues to provide support and guidance to Smart Columbus related to the creation of the Smart Columbus Operating System, and continues to host two data- and mapping-focused user groups. The Central Ohio GIS User Group consists of public sector GIS officials from throughout Central Ohio, while COSMOS consists of IT directors from several Central Ohio jurisdictions.

MORPC continues to monitor and maintain the Franklin County LBRS. Road centerlines, address points, bikeways and sidewalk mapping files are structured so local communities can jointly edit a common GIS file.

In preparation for the 2020 Census, MORPC completed updates to tract and block group boundaries for 10 Central Ohio counties through the 2020 Census Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP). MORPC is also chairing the Local Government Subcommittee of the Columbus/Franklin County Complete Count Committee, is a member of the Ohio Census Advocacy Coalition, and is functioning as a conduit for Census outreach and engagement with entities throughout Central Ohio by disseminating information, strategies, and materials.

Data Analytics and Research for Transportation Projects and Programs - FY18

Funding is only amount carried over from FY18

|^ Project continues beyond SFY 2019|
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MORPC made significant changes to the processes used to project population, employment, and development for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. New methods to establish county control total projections were adopted in FY2018. This year, MORPC focused on methods to distribute the control totals to small areas, decompose population and employment forecasts into sub-groups, and more systematically model development potential throughout the region.

For the GOhio Commute program, MORPC performs cluster and hotspot analyses to identify potential mode shift opportunities for employers considering participation in the program.

In addition to preparing data for the 2020-2050 MTP, MORPC also updated analyses for the 2016-2040 MTP report card performance measures.

The current regional travel demand model was maintained and applied for various studies. Air quality analysis was conducted for projects requesting CMAQ eligibility. Staff continued using travel time data from INRIX/NPMRDS to produce measures for various studies. The origin-destination (O-D) data available from ODOT’s subscription to Streetlight Insight and produce meaningful measures for several studies. Significant improvements were made to the land use model processes and revised the model scripts to introduce randomness in the outcomes. The new model was used to develop the 2050 household and employment forecast for the 2020-2050 MTP under development.

Staff continued working closely with the consultant, ODOT and other MPOs on the development of the 3C regional travel demand model. Staff had conducted numerous test runs of the 3C model on MORPC’s server and worked diligently with the consultant to refine/improve the 3C model. Staff had worked with ODOT and the consultants to support the Marysville CAV Simulation project by running the 3C models.

Many activities were completed toward the 2020-2050 Columbus Area Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). These included updating the regional goals, objectives, measures and targets and project evaluation criteria. Also there has been extensive review and coordination with local stakeholders to update existing and forecasted land use assumptions. All of the above activities included MORPC committee presentations, public involvement periods and MORPC resolutions adopting the various items. MORPC also initiated the MTP candidate project indentification by combing through local, regional and state documents for projects and creating an interactive web map to solicit project suggestions and comments. Four MTP newsletters have been published.

Staff followed and participated in various ODOT planning activities, including progress on the innerbelt projects, I-71 south and I-70 east freeway activities, the I-670 Smart Lane project, and the Union County US 33 study. MORPC continued discussions including regular conference calls with communities along the Columbus to Chicago passenger rail corridor in conjunction with the Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) work elements.

^ Project continues beyond SFY 2019
Transportation Public Involvement

Ten meetings of the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) took place. All transportation-related topics included elsewhere in the PWP report were presented. The committees reviewed and passed 17 transportation-related resolutions over the year, which included the approval of revised Title VI and Limited English Proficiency plans.

Printed materials, press releases, and digital content (social media and electronic newsletters) were regularly used to solicit public participation and involvement on transportation-related activities. Topics included were: the development of 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; appendices to the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program; active transportation; safety; sustainable transportation; air quality; the Rickenbacker Area Study, the insight2050 Regional Corridor Analysis (Corridor Concepts); the Competitive Advantage Program (priority projects); and the Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (hyperloop and passenger rail).

Planning Coordination and Support

MORPC met regularly with its member communities to receive planning updates and to provide assistance and coordination for some of their projects. Four times a year, MORPC held regional collaboration meetings, and at least monthly, MORPC provided educational transportation workshops and forums.

Program Administration

Ten meetings of the MPO transportation committees (CAC, TAC & Policy) were conducted. The 2018 PWP completion report was prepared as well as the 2020 PWP. Work continued on updating MPO member agreements.
II. Special Studies

Total Budget $2,873,177

Balance Remaining for SFY 2020 or later is $608,797

WORK ELEMENT REPORT SUMMARY FUNDING SUMMARY

66528-3000 Rapid-Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) – Environmental Components
Budget $536,000 ^ MORPC continues to coordinate efforts to bring better, faster transportation options between Chicago, Columbus and Pittsburgh. The Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) involves studying two intercity routes for two rapid-speed transportation technology options – traditional passenger rail and/or Hyperloop technology. In August 2018, MORPC and its selected consultants began two studies as part of this initiative: a feasibility study of Hyperloop technology, and a study for components of an environmental impact statement (Tier I EIS) for both passenger rail and hyperloop. The environmental components study has two parallel analyses: One for passenger rail, and one for hyperloop. The consultant has provided draft documents for review including route alternatives, and Purpose & Need Statements, which are currently being reviewed by MORPC and RSTI partners that include the Cities of Columbus, Dublin, Marysville and Lima, as well as Union County. Public information meetings will take place in late October to share the findings of this study. The study is slated for completion in November 2019.

Spent 6/30 $187,381

66538-3000 Rapid-Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) - Feasibility
Budget $300,000 ^ MORPC continues to coordinate efforts to bring better, faster transportation options between Chicago, Columbus and Pittsburgh. The Rapid Speed Transportation Initiative (RSTI) involves studying two intercity routes for two rapid-speed transportation technology options – traditional passenger rail and/or Hyperloop technology. In August 2018, MORPC and its selected consultants began two studies as part of this initiative: a feasibility study of Hyperloop technology, and a study for components of an environmental impact statement (Tier I EIS) for both passenger rail and hyperloop. The feasibility study includes route alternatives, economic demand, and regulatory framework elements. MORPC has been working with Virgin Hyperloop One and the study consultant to establish the feasibility of a route alignment that allows for the technology to reach optimal speeds, as well as refine the methodology for the passenger ridership and freight forecasts. The study will be completed in November 2019, with public information meetings for this study happening concurrently with the environmental components study.

Spent 6/30 $164,534

66540-0400 Paving The Way SFY20
Budget $150,000 ^ See 66549-0400
100% STBG using toll credit
Spent 6/30 $98,657

66549-0400 Paving The Way SFY19
Budget $150,000 MORPC engaged a consultant to redesign the Paving the Way system to operate more efficiently, allow for direct data entry and updates about project by local agencies and contractors, expand the geographic reach of the system, and improve the user interface and functionality. The upgraded system will be launched in fall of 2019. Throughout the development process, MORPC has maintained the current Paving the Way system to ensure the traveling public receives up-to-date information on construction activity and road closures throughout Central Ohio.
100% STBG using toll credit
Spent 6/30 $150,000

66554-1000 insight2050 Technical Assistance SFY18
Budget $200,000 Staff finalized all Technical Assistance Program pilot projects in the cities of Westerville, Deleware, and Worthington as well as for Violet Township. Staff developed the 2019 Technical Assistance Program Guidelines and application utilizing the Active Transportation Working Group. Project selection will be conducted by the end of calendar year 2019 with projects anticipated to commence in calendar year 2020.
100% MORPC STP using toll credit
Spent 6/30 $200,000

^ Project continues beyond SFY 2019
Regional Transportation Safety Planning (TSP) Process Development Pilot

MORPC completed the Central Ohio Safety Plan and Action Plan as well as the Central Ohio Priority Safety Locations List and a high injury network for the region. Both the Central Ohio Safety Plan and the Action Plan were developed by a process which included convening a project steering committee, best practices research, and existing conditions analysis. The Central Ohio Safety Plan and Action Plan were presented to MORPC's committees in June.

Regional Corridor Analysis

The insight2050 Corridor Concepts project was completed in early Spring 2019 when findings were released to the public. MORPC and project sponsors hosted several stakeholder events to provide information on the project, project outcomes, and next steps in implementing project strategies and initiatives.

Supplemental Planning SFY19

1) See 60219-3000 for activities related to the TIP and project expedition.

2) Traffic counts collected by various entities were processed into the MORPC online database system.

3) See 60529-2000 for data analytics and tools development.

4) The Rickenbacker area study was completed, including several meetings of study work groups.

5) See 66554-1000

6) See 66538-3000

7) Staff continued to work with the Sustainability Advisory Committee to ensure its goals were and goal updates are incorporated in the MTP.

5310 Designated Recipient-2018

MORPC administered contracts after execution in TrAMS with subrecipients receiving 5310 funding from FFYs 16, 17 and 18 apportionments to the Columbus, Ohio UZA according to MORPC’s Program Management Plan (PMP). The following FTA Grant Agreements were administered:

OH-2016-015 (FFYs 2014 and 2015, ODOT PID 100015)
OH2017-024-00 (FY 2016, ODOT PID 100016)
OH-2018-14-00  (FY 2016 & 2017 ODOT PID 100016)

MORPC administered a cycle of FTA Section 5310 funding using FFY 2018 funds. Grant OH-1310-2019-1 (PID 109918) was submitted and executed in TrAMS.

Staff has monitored and participated in efforts to address goals and strategies of the 2018-2021 Coordinated Plan.

5310 Designated Recipient-2019

See 67418-3000 for 5310 designated recipient activities.

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### III. Ridesharing and Air Quality Projects

**Total Budget**: $1,345,000

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<td>Gohio Commute continued to promote vanpool and carpool services in addition to other modes such as biking, walking and riding transit. The program sponsors and develops program services based on the needs of the individual commuter, employer, job-ready/training programs, colleges/universities, non-profits and communities throughout the region. MORPC is leveraging relationships with other TDM partners to encourage modal shift, generating more of a streamlined and coordinated message to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips.</td>
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MORPC monitored initiatives in the 2018-2019 Transportation Demand Management Strategic Plan for 2018-2019 with an emphasis on shifting cultural SOV preferences, performance based programing, collaborative champions, and TDM policy integration.

Related to MORPC’s TDM Strategic Plan, MORPC and other Ohio rideshare agencies are using an interactive ridesharing platform that can be used by each rideshare agency in the state. OARC is using RideAmigos to provide rideshare, TDM and air quality platform with consistent brand (Gohio Commute) for ridesharing across the state. Gohio Commute has been in use since May 2017.

MORPC's Air Quality and Gohio Commute prepared for and held two Central Ohio Commuter Challenge campaigns in October of 2018 and June of 2019 in partnership with a newly created Mobility Communication Campaign committee with various public, private and local interests promoting non SOV transportation.

| 66739-8000 | **Air Quality Awareness SFY19** |
| Budget | $565,000 |
| 100% MORPC CMAQ | |
| Spent 6/30 | $552,964 |
| MORPC maintained its daily air quality forecasting program and coordinated digitally focused marketing and public outreach campaigns to educate the public about air quality. The team continued to partner with Gohio on messaging and encouraging residents to change their behaviors through the annual Commuter Challenge and other efforts. MORPC convened bi-monthly Energy and Air Quality Working Group meetings to share best practices and to help organize a workshop for the 2018 MORPC Summit on Sustainability. Staff implemented the Local Government Energy Partnership and with at least 10 local governments enrolled. MORPC also provided technical assistance to its members for projects around EV infrastructure and Green House Gas emissions. |

^ *Project continues beyond SFY 2019*
IV. Projects Undertaken By Other Entities

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The CAP initiative is a partnership between MORPC and Columbus 2020, soon to be known as One Columbus, to advance strategic infrastructure projects across Central Ohio by developing a vetted list of regional infrastructure project priorities. During the past fiscal year, MORPC completed the second round of the CAP process, working with 10 counties to identify the top infrastructure priorities of each county. Project profiles were created to summarize the 43 projects, which were mapped and shared with the public and legislative members. A RFP process began for the CAP Innovative Funding Strategies Development Activity. This activity is meant to help advance CAP projects by developing new, innovative, and/or private funding strategies for project development. The activity will be implemented in FY2020.

The Franklin County Transportation Improvements District (TID), a potential tool for advancing transportation projects, was launched.

| 67401-0000   | Ongoing COTA Activities | COTA makes service changes three times a year - the first Monday of every January, May and September. Public information, review and comment take place before each service change. |
|              | Budget              | $0             |
|              | No funding          | $0             |
|              | Spent 6/30          | $0             |

The 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program was maintained as needed, including public involvement requirements for FTA Section 5307. COTA submitted grant requests to FTA.

MORPC, COTA, GREAT and New Albany SmartRide continue to work together to promote, track ridership and adjust routes for the first and last mile shuttle. MORPC joined COTA in conversations with employers and local governments working on Mobility Plans. COTA worked with Dublin and Share for workforce development transportation and Grove City on an on demand microtransit first mile last mile service pilot for connections to jobs and health care. COTA launched a Mainstream on Demand Pilot to provide non-ADA trips to eligible Mainstream paratransit riders.

Continued to partner with COTA and the Capital Crossroads Special Improvement District (SID) to maintain the member management system, for the Downtown C-pass pilot.

COTA worked with MORPC to develop their Transit Asset Management Plan.

| 67402-0000   | Ongoing DATAbus Activities | DATAbus continues to evolve from the 2010 Columbus UZA boundary change. Topics included the FTA funding transition from rural Section 5311 to urban Section 5307, state funding changes and local match needs for capital and operating and other FTA funding sources. |
|              | Budget              | $0             |
|              | No funding          | $0             |
|              | Spent 6/30          | $0             |

The 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program was amended as needed, including public involvement requirements for FTA Section 5307.

DATAbus, working closely with ODOT Office of Transit and COTA, completed an MOU with MORPC, COTA, DATAbus and ODOT concerning performance based planning data collection and analysis, target setting, and reporting for the TAM Plan.

^ Project continues beyond SFY 2019
Memorandum

TO:        Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission
           Officers and Board Members
           Transportation Policy Committee
           Transportation Advisory Committee
           Community Advisory Committee

FROM:      Thea Walsh, AICP
           Transportation Systems and Funding

DATE:      August 29, 2019

           Candidate Projects Submitted in 2019 for TRAC Funding”

As reported to you previously, eight projects were submitted to the Transportation Review
Advisory Council (TRAC) for the 2019 funding cycle. TRAC is responsible for committing
development and construction funding toward projects that meet the criteria of the Major New
Capacity Program (generally projects that cost over $12 million, and increase roadway capacity
and/or reduce congestion). Information sheets (attached) were prepared and posted to our
website over the summer with details on the projects.

One of the applications, the I-71/Big Walnut Road new interchange, is requesting only that this
project continue to be recognized as a TRAC project on Tier II and does not request any funds at
this time. Because no funds are being requested, the I-71/Big Walnut Road interchange
application was excluded from the project prioritization, with the understanding that MORPC
supports this project continuing the study and project development activities currently underway.
The other seven applications are outlined later in the document.

Resolution T-15-19 establishes MORPC’s priorities for the 2019 TRAC requests. MORPC
accepted comments on the projects from the public, and staff completed an evaluation of the
projects. This memo provides a summary of how the projects were evaluated and concludes with
a recommendation on project prioritization. The priorities will be presented to TRAC at their
September 11 public hearing, and upon adoption of Resolution T-15-19, submitted in writing by
September 16.
Project Evaluation Summary

MORPC staff evaluated the seven TRAC projects requesting funding based on the 2020-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) goals and objectives. Key elements of the MTP evaluation criteria were used for the evaluation.

For the projects being ranked, the analysis results by goal are:

*Adopted Goal: Position Central Ohio to attract and retain economic opportunity to prosper as a region and compete globally.* The criteria for this goal focused on congestion relief and the total number of jobs as well as non-retail jobs within one mile of the facility both today and projected in 2050. The Far East Freeway projects topped this goal due to congestion relief and jobs in the project area. The I-71/Stringtown Road project followed with high jobs in the area, then came the Union County 33/SR 161/Post Road interchange with high future jobs. Then were the Delaware Point and US 33 at Pickerington/Allen projects with congestion relief but few jobs in the vicinity.

*Adopted Goal: Protect natural resources and mitigate infrastructure vulnerabilities to maintain a healthy ecosystem and community.* The criteria for this goal considered reductions in emissions (VOC and NOx). While all projects showed a relatively negligible difference in emissions reduction, the Far East Freeway projects scored slightly better than the other six projects.

*Adopted Goal: Reduce per capita energy consumption and promote alternative fuel resources to increase affordability and resilience of regional energy supplies.* The criteria for this goal considered reduction in regional vehicle-miles traveled. The Far East Freeway projects ranked highest under this goal followed by the Union County US 33/SR 161/Post Road interchange and the Delaware Point projects. The other three then came in with similar results below the US 33/SR 161/Post Road and Delaware Point projects.

*Adopted Goal: Increase regional collaboration and employ innovative transportation solutions to maximize the return on public expenditures.* The criteria for this goal included the number of communities being served by the project, consideration for collaboration with regard to the funding the project and whether any phase of the project was already constructed or under construction. The Union County US 33/SR 161/Post Road interchange performed slightly better than the rest because of the number of jurisdictions served and the variety of funding sources involved; the project also has the highest amount of new development within one mile of the projects. The others were all very close as each had advantages in some criteria areas, but none had advantages in all areas.

*Adopted Goal: Use public investments to benefit the health, safety, and welfare of people.* The criteria for this goal considered the safety/crash ranking analysis, pavement and bridge condition, and Environmental Justice (EJ) populations served. The Far East Freeway projects rose above the others because they were at, or near the top, in all of the considerations. The I-270/US 23 interchange was next primarily due to the highest EJ population served, followed closely by the I-71/Stringtown Road project, US 33 at Pickerington/Allen, and the Delaware Point.
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**Adopted Goal:** Create sustainable neighborhoods to improve residents' quality of life. The criteria for this goal considered which projects serve users going to or coming from higher density areas and multimodal elements of the project, such as facilities for transit, bicyclists and pedestrians. The Far East Freeway projects were tops in this goal. Next were Union County US 33/SR 161/Post Road, US 33 at Pickerington/Allen, and I-270/US 23 interchange.

**Comments Received from the Public**

On July 11, MORPC issued a press release requesting comments from the public on this year’s TRAC applications. Comments were due by August 9. The table below summarizes the number of comments received.

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It is important to note that although it is not part of the prioritization process, the I-71/Big Walnut Road interchange application generated a significant amount of comments from the public. The majority of the comments were in opposition to the interchange, and sited concerns with air, noise, and light pollution as well as proximity of the proposed interchange to existing residential neighborhoods and schools.

**MORPC Staff Ranking Recommendation**

Based on the goal-by-goal evaluation summarized above, the public comments and the phase for which money is being requested, MORPC staff recommends the following priority ranking for the seven TRAC applications requesting funding:

1. Far East Freeway Phases 1, 2 & 3
2. Union County US-33/SR-161/Post Road interchange
3. The Delaware Point
4. US-33/Pickerington Road
5. I-71/Stringtown Road
6. US-23/I-270 Interchange
Note that although Far East Freeway Phase 1 and Far East Freeway Phases 2 & 3 were submitted as two separate applications, the prioritization shows them together as the top priority. We believe funding to begin construction on improvements in this area is critically needed, but would defer to ODOT District 6 on the appropriate phasing to begin implementation should there not be funding allocated to build all of phases 1, 2 & 3.

Resolution T-15-19 recommends these rankings.

TW:NG:DL:MCR

Attachment: Resolution T-15-19
RESOLUTION T-15-19

“ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR CENTRAL OHIO CANDIDATE PROJECTS SUBMITTED IN 2019 FOR TRAC FUNDING”

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Committee of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) is designated as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Columbus metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) selects major new projects to receive funding from the Ohio Department of Transportation’s (ODOT’s) major new capacity program; and

WHEREAS, the TRAC has requested that each MPO submit its priorities for projects in that MPO’s planning area; and

WHEREAS, seven projects requesting funding and one project requesting continued TRAC recognition had been submitted to MORPC for acknowledgement prior to their submittal to the TRAC (see Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, MORPC members and the public were asked to submit comments on the projects; and

WHEREAS, staff provided the Community Advisory, Transportation Advisory and Transportation Policy committees information regarding the applications, including public comments received for staff recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) at its meeting on September 4, 2019 and the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) at its meeting on September 4, 2019 each created and forwarded a ranked list to advise the Transportation Policy Committee; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

Section 1. That the attached listing of projects (Attachment A) be established as the order of priorities for the candidate projects submitted to TRAC from the MORPC transportation planning area for major new capacity program funding.

Section 2. That the TRAC is strongly discouraged from funding lower priority projects on this list at the expense of higher priority projects.

Section 3. That it directs MORPC staff to forward these priorities to the TRAC and to present the priorities to the TRAC.
Section 4. That the Transportation Policy Committee finds and determines that all formal deliberations and actions of this committee concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meetings of this committee.

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Rory McGuiness, Chair
MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Date

Prepared by: Dina López

Attachments:
A. Establishing Priorities for Central Ohio Candidate Projects Submitted in 2019 for TRAC Funding
Priorities for the 2019 TRAC Major/New Program Candidate Projects

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BIG WALNUT INTERCHANGE

SUBMITTED BY:
Delaware County Engineer’s Office

ODOT PROJECT ID:
79608

MORPC METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT?
Yes

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT?
Yes

TOTAL PROJECT COST:
$73.7 million

2019 TRAC REQUEST:
No funding request

TRAC STATUS REQUEST:
Tier II - Development

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Big Walnut Interchange project will construct a new I-71 interchange at Big Walnut Road near Alum Creek State Park. The new interchange would provide a third access point to I-71 for Delaware County residents and businesses, and is anticipated to be numbered as Exit 124. The project includes road improvements in an approximate half-mile vicinity. Plans also incorporate bike and pedestrian infrastructure, as well as a potential park and ride facility.

TRAC REQUEST
The Delaware County Engineer’s Office is only requesting Tier II status, and it does not include a request for TRAC at this time. The project funding plan currently anticipates more than 50 percent of funding would come from non-TRAC sources.

NOTE: As the project is not seeking funding at this time, MORPC will not evaluate the project as part of the prioritization of the applications within MORPC’s Metropolitan Planning Organization planning area.

PROJECT SCHEDULE
Planning Studies:
Sept. 2019 (in progress)

Preliminary Engineering:
Sept. 2019 (in progress)

Environmental Approvals:
Aug. 2021 (in progress)

Interchange Studies:
July 2020 (not started)

Detailed Design:
Feb. 2022 (not started)

Right-of-way Acquisition:
May 2023 (not started)

Utility Relocation:
May 2024 (not started)

Construction:
2024

Location of Proposed Improvements
FAR EAST FREEWAY: PHASE 1

SUBMITTED BY:
ODOT District 6

ODOT PROJECT ID:
95639

MORPC METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT?
Yes

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT?
No

TOTAL PROJECT COST:
$136.7 million

2019 TRAC REQUEST:
$1.5 million - Right-of-way
$73.1 million - Construction

TRAC STATUS REQUEST:
Tier I - Construction

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This first phase of the Far East Freeway project will address congestion and safety in the I-70 corridor at the east I-270 outerbelt. The project will replace the southbound I-270 to eastbound I-70 loop ramp with a flyover ramp and construct auxiliary lanes along eastbound I-70 between I-270 and Brice Road. The scope of work is based on the recommendations from the Far East Freeway Study. Funding is also being requested in a separate application for phases 2 and 3, which address the Brice Road interchange.

TRAC REQUEST
ODOT District 6 is requesting $1.5 million for right-of-way acquisition and $73.1 million in construction funding from ODOT’s Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) funding program. These funds are requested for state fiscal year 2020 and 2022, respectively. This project previously received $7.5 million in TRAC funding for preliminary engineering and design development.

PROJECT SCHEDULE
Planning Studies:
April 2005 (complete)

Preliminary Engineering:
July 2014 (complete)

Environmental Approvals:
June 2015 (complete)

Interchange Studies:
Dec. 2016 (complete)

Detailed Design:
March 2021 (in progress)

Right-of-way Acquisition:
March 2021 (not started)

Utility Relocation:
May 2020 (not started)

Construction:
2022
The second and third phase of the Far East Freeway project will address safety and congestion issues in the I-70 corridor at the Brice Road interchange area. Phase 2 reconfigures the north half of the Brice Road interchange and construction of westbound ramps to the I-270 interchange. Phase 2 also includes replacement of the Brice Road bridge. Phase 3 constructs the south half of the Brice Road interchange. The scope of work is based on the recommendations from the Far East Freeway Study. Funding is also being requested in a separate application for Phase 1, which address the I-270 interchange.

**TRAC REQUEST**
ODOT District 6 is requesting $1 million for right-of-way acquisition and $53.6 million in construction funding from ODOT’s TRAC. These funds are requested for state fiscal year 2022 and 2024, respectively. This project previously received $7 million in TRAC funding for preliminary engineering and design development.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE**
- **Planning Studies:**
  - April 2005 (complete)
- **Preliminary Engineering:**
  - June 2014 (complete)
- **Environmental Approvals:**
  - June 2015 (complete)
- **Interchange Studies:**
  - Dec. 2016 (complete)
- **Detailed Design:**
  - Feb. 2022 (in progress)
- **Right-of-way Acquisition:**
  - Feb. 2022 (not started)
- **Utility Relocation:**
  - Feb. 2021 (not started)
- **Construction:**
  - 2024
I-71 NORTHBOUND: STRINGTOWN RD TO I-270

SUBMITTED BY:
ODOT District 6

ODOT PROJECT ID:
92615

MORPC METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT?
Yes

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT?
No

TOTAL PROJECT COST:
$65 million

2019 TRAC REQUEST:
$10 million - Construction

TRAC STATUS REQUEST:
Tier I - Construction

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project is a component of a multi-phase improvement to increase capacity, reduce congestion, and improve safety on I-71 in the vicinity of the south outerbelt of Columbus. The project adds a northbound express lane between the I-71/Stringtown Road and I-270/I-71 interchanges. The project consists of resurfacing and full-depth widening of I-71 northbound in order to extend the express lane and remove the northbound weave between the two interchanges. The scope of work is based on the recommendations from the South Outerbelt Study. Other projects from the study have previously been funded by TRAC.

TRAC REQUEST
ODOT District 6 is requesting $10 million in construction funding from ODOT’s TRAC. These funds are requested for state fiscal year 2021. This project has not previously received TRAC funding.

PROJECT SCHEDULE
Planning Studies:
Jan. 2004 (complete)

Preliminary Engineering:
Sept. 2015 (complete)

Environmental Approvals:
Oct. 2015 (complete)

Interchange Studies:
May 2015 (complete)

Detailed Design:
Aug. 2019 (in progress)

Right-of-way Acquisition:
(complete)

Utility Relocation:
(complete)

Construction:
2020

Location of Proposed Improvements
I-270 & US 23 INTERCHANGE

SUBMITTED BY:
ODOT District 6

ODOT PROJECT ID:
92616

MORPC METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT?
Yes

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT?
No

TOTAL PROJECT COST:
$19.9 million

2019 TRAC REQUEST:
$13 million - Construction

TRAC STATUS REQUEST:
Tier I - Construction

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will improve the safety, capacity, and operation of the I-270 and US 23 interchange by removing two cloverleaf ramps, constructing two new signalized ramps, rehabilitating two bridge structures, and resurfacing portions of I-270 and US 23. The scope of work is based on the recommendations from the South Outerbelt Study. Other projects from the study have previously been funded by TRAC.

TRAC REQUEST
ODOT District 6 is requesting $13 million in construction funding from ODOT’s TRAC. These funds are requested for state fiscal year 2021. This project previously received $3.9 million in TRAC funding for preliminary engineering, design development, and right-of-way acquisition.

PROJECT SCHEDULE
Planning Studies:
May 2010 (complete)

Preliminary Engineering:
July 2010 (complete)

Environmental Approvals:
Sept. 2014 (complete)

Interchange Studies:
July 2013 (complete)

Detailed Design:
Oct. 2018 (complete)

Right-of-way Acquisition:
Oct. 2019 (in progress)

Utility Relocation:
July 2020 (not started)

Construction:
2021
US 33 AT PICKERINGTON/ALLEN

SUBMITTED BY: ODOT District 5

ODOT PROJECT ID: 77555

MORPC METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT? Yes

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT? Yes

TOTAL PROJECT COST: $58 million

2019 TRAC REQUEST: $10 million - Right-of-way

TRAC STATUS REQUEST: Tier II - Development

PROJECT OVERVIEW
This project will remove the existing intersections along US 33 from Pickerington Road to Allen Road. These intersections will be replaced with an interchange facility to be located between the Hill-Diley Road and Winchester Road (Carroll) interchanges. Removing the traffic signal at Pickerington Road—the last signal between I-270 and the Lancaster bypass—supports the long-term goal to convert US 33 to a freeway facility between Columbus and Lancaster.

TRAC REQUEST
ODOT District 5 is requesting $10 million in right-of-way funding from ODOT’s TRAC. These funds are requested for state fiscal year 2023. This project has not previously received TRAC funding.

PROJECT SCHEDULE
Planning Studies:
Dec. 2004 (complete)

Preliminary Engineering:
June 2020 (not started)

Environmental Approvals:
Aug. 2022 (not started)

Interchange Studies:
(not started)

Detailed Design:
Aug. 2023 (not started)

Right-of-way Acquisition:
Sept. 2023

Utility Relocation:
Jan. 2024

Construction:
2024-2025

Location of Proposed Improvements
US 33/SR 161 AT POST ROAD

SUBMITTED BY:
Union County

ODOT PROJECT ID:
80748

MORPC METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT?
Yes

COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE PROJECT?
Yes

TOTAL PROJECT COST:
$48.61 million

2019 TRAC REQUEST:
$9.25 million - Construction

TRAC STATUS REQUEST:
Tier I - Development

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The US 33/SR 161 and Post Road Interchange project upgrades the existing rural interchange into an urban interchange to improve safety, reduce congestion, and accommodate growth in the area. The proposed changes to the interchange will include two new loop ramps that will eliminate the existing left-turn conflicts to enter the US 33 ramps. The intersections with both the east and west ramp terminals will be controlled via multi-lane roundabouts that will ensure viable traffic operations well into the future.

TRAC REQUEST
Union County is requesting $9.25 million in construction funding from ODOT’s Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) funding program. These funds are requested for state fiscal year 2022. This project previously received $7 million in TRAC funding.

PROJECT SCHEDULE
Planning Studies:
Sept. 2006 (complete)

Preliminary Engineering:
(complete)

Environmental Approvals:
Aug. 2006 (complete)

Interchange Studies:
Sept. 2006 (complete)

Detailed Design:
Dec. 2020 (in progress)

Right-of-way Acquisition:
Dec. 2020 (in progress)

Utility Relocation:
(in progress)

Construction:
2021

Location of Proposed Improvements
DELAWARE POINT: US 36/SR 37

SUBMITTED BY:
City of Delaware

ODOT PROJECT ID:
103626

MORPC METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT?
Yes

COMPETITIVE Advantage PROJECT?
Yes

TOTAL PROJECT COST:
$30 million

2019 TRAC REQUEST:
$8 million - Construction

TRAC STATUS REQUEST:
Tier I - Construction

PROJECT OVERVIEW
The Delaware Point project will increase capacity by widening US 36/SR 37 from one to two lanes in each direction. The project includes replacing the Norfolk Southern railroad bridge over US 36/SR 37, and it alleviates one of the Delaware County’s most congested bottlenecks. The project also includes construction of additional turn lanes at the US 36 and SR 37 intersection and the US 36/SR 37 and at the intersection of US 36/SR 37, as well as the intersection of US 36/SR 37 and SR 521.

TRAC REQUEST
The City of Delaware is requesting $8 million in construction funding from ODOT’s Transportation Review Advisory Council (TRAC) funding program. These funds are requested for state fiscal year 2022. This project previously received $1.5 million in TRAC funding for right-of-way acquisition.

PROJECT SCHEDULE
Planning Studies:
May 2017 (complete)

Preliminary Engineering:
Aug. 2019 (not started)

Environmental Approvals:
Nov. 2019 (in progress)

Detailed Design:
Dec. 2020 (not started)

Right-of-way Acquisition:
Sept. 2020 (not started)

Utility Relocation:
Dec. 2021 (not started)

Construction:
2022

Location of Proposed Improvements